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REMARKS

Claims 46-61 and 70-76 are pending in the application. Applicants have canceled claims 62-69 without prejudice. Applicants have amended claims 46, 55 and 70. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks urged here, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding rejections.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has rejected claims 46-61 and 70-76 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0065732 to Rodgers et al. (“Rodgers”) in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0069263 to Sears et al. (“Sears”).

Applicants have amended claims 46, 55 and 70 to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention. In particular, claim 46 has been amended to recite that the “summary information comprising promotional information associated with said demarked file provided by the provider of said demarked file and rating information associated with said demarked file provided by said first user.” Claim 55 has been amended to recite that the “summary information comprising promotional information associated with said demarked file provided by the provider of said demarked file and rating information associated with said demarked file provided by said first user.” Similarly, claim 70 has been amended to recite that the “summary information comprising promotional information associated with said demarked file provided by the provider of said demarked file and rating information associated with said demarked file provided by said first user.”

The present invention, as recited in amended claims 46, 55 and 70, is directed to a method of distributing software between handheld computer systems. A problem recognized by the inventors is the particular problem of distribution of software between handheld computer systems where the software files are small and not practical to be distributed by conventional distribution methods. The invention proposes a first user demarking software files for automatic transfer to other handheld computer systems. A second handheld computer system then receives summary information associated with the demarked software files so that the second user has the

option of transferring the full software file through conventional means after viewing the summary information. Importantly, the summary information includes promotional information associated with the software file provided by the provider of the software file as well as rating information provided by the user (see Specification pages 14).

The Examiner's base reference, Rodgers, is fundamentally different. Rodgers is directed to a method of transferring content where licensing information is transferred along with the whole content. That is, a user does not have the option of not downloading the content based on the licensing information. There is additionally no teaching or suggestion in Rodgers for providing promotional information associated with the file to be transferred to the second handheld computer system automatically which includes rating information associated with said demarked file provided by said first user.

The shortcomings of Rodgers are not overcome by Sears. Sears is directed to a java implementation over a network of mobile communication devices. Sears does not teach or suggest providing promotional information associated with the file provided from the provider of the information to be transferred to the second handheld computer system automatically which includes rating information associated with said demarked file provided by said first user.

Applicants respectfully submit that a combination of Rodgers and Sears does not render the present invention unpatentable. The prior art reference (or references) must teach or suggest all of the claim limitations. In re Vaeck, 947 F.2d 488 (Fed. Cir. 1991). Since a prima facie case of obviousness has not been set forth, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 46, 55 and 70 are allowable over the cited references. Claims 47-54, 56-61 and 71-76, by their dependency on claims 46, 55 and 70 respectively, are similarly allowable. Early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative if an interview might expedite allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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